

REMARKS/ ARGUMENTS

Specification

The amendment to the co-pending applications paragraph is to update the list of co-pending applications with USPTO application serial numbers/ granted patent numbers.

Claims

The Examiner allowed claims 1-3, 8-29 and 34-45; rejected claims 79-114; and objected to claims 46-78. Claims 4-7 and 30-33 have been withdrawn from consideration. By this amendment, claims 46 and 66 have been amended as suggested by the Examiner, and claims 79-114 have been cancelled. Therefore claims 1-3, 8-29, and 34-78 remain pending in the application.

Claim Objections

The Examiner objected to claims 46-78 because of informalities. The Applicants have therefore amended, as suggested by the Examiner, independent claims 46 and 66 to include “configured as tags” following the words “coded data” in the preambles as in claim 1.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §103

Claims 79-114 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over various combinations of Escallon (U.S. Pat. No. 5,799,157), Suda et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,157,465), and Wilz Sr. et al (U.S. Pat. No. 5,992,752). The Applicants have now cancelled all of these claims.

The Applicants have amended as suggested by the Examiner the objected to claims. Also, the Applicants have cancelled all rejected claims. Accordingly, it is submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of the application is courteously solicited.

Very respectfully,

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